

# Top 10 Essentials — Emergency Preparedness Quick Check

#	Question	Why This Is Important	Yes	No	Needs Work
1	Do you know your primary and secondary evacuation routes from your home?	Roads may flood or be blocked — knowing two ways out increases your safety options.			
2	Do you have a family communication plan (who to call/text and in what order)?	Cell service can be spotty — a plan helps family members reconnect quickly.			
3	Do you have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio?	Local news and weather alerts may be your only source of information during a power outage.			
4	Do you keep at least 3 days of drinking water (1 gallon per person per day)?	Water service may be interrupted or unsafe to drink after severe weather.			
5	Do you keep non-perishable food for at least 3 days?	Grocery stores may be closed or inaccessible during/after the storm.			
6	Do you have a flashlight and extra batteries in an easy-to-find spot?	Power outages often occur at night — quick access improves safety and comfort.			
7	Is your medication supply enough for at least 7 days?	Pharmacies may close for several days after a storm.			
8	Do you have a first aid kit?	Emergency services may be delayed — basic supplies help with minor injuries.			
9	Do you know the safest room in your home for sheltering during high winds?	A safe space without windows reduces injury risk from flying debris.			
10	Do you have sandbags or flood barriers if your home is in a flood-prone area?	Reduces water intrusion and damage during heavy rain or storm surge.			